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Maryland Air National Guardsman Promoted In Iraq

Senior U.S. Air Force Leadership Participate In Promotion Ceremony

BALTIMORE, Nov. 22, 2004 – The Maryland Air National Guard today announced the promotion of Maj. Mark Flemming to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Flemming, a St. Leonard, Md., resident and an engineering officer with the Maryland Air National Guard's 235th Civil Engineering Flight, is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Highlighting the promotion ceremony, which took place at Tallil Air Base in Iraq on Nov. 10, was the pinning on of the new rank by Secretary James G. Roche, Secretary of the Air Force, and Gen. John P. Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff. Flemming, a 16-year veteran, and has been a member of the Maryland Air National Guard for the 10 years.

Currently more than 600 Maryland National Guardsmen are deployed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of a Joint Forces Headquarters in Baltimore, the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base in Middle River, Md., and its two flying units and support staff - the 104th Fighter Squadron and its A-10 jet fighters, and the 135th Airlift Squadron and its state-of-the-art C-130J cargo aircraft. More than 1,600 full-time and traditional members are employed by the Maryland Air National Guard, contributing nearly \$80 million annually to Maryland's economy.

The Air National Guard represents more than one-third of the total United States Air Force's total structure. Under the Total Force Policy, the Air National Guard, the Air Force Reserve and the active United States Air Force are full partners in protecting the United States and its interests at home and abroad.

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